

HOUSING QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

The Following Are Items That Will Cause A Unit to Fail the HQS Inspection:

- 1. Blocked exits (fire & safety hazard).
- 2. Deadbolts installed on doors instead of thumb bolts (fire hazard).
- 3. Windows without permanently attached locks, windows that do not open properly.
- 4. Broken or damaged windows (safety hazard).
- 5. Any appliance in the unit that is not clean and/or does not work properly.
- 6. Lack of a working refrigerator appropriate for the size of the family.
- 7. Any electrical unit with exposed or spliced wiring.
- 8. Light fixtures without bulbs or covers.
- 9. Cracked or broken outlet or switch-plate covers.
- 10. Lack of hot or cold water/very low water pressure.
- 11. Chipping or peeling paint anywhere on the interior or exterior of the unit.
- 12. Clogged toilets.
- 13. Toilet tank covers that are missing, broken.
- 14. Ripped, torn, frayed or unsanitary carpet.
- 15. Rotting floors, walls, cabinets, etc.
- 16. Faucets, showerheads, etc. that do not work properly.
- 17. Lack of proper ventilation in bathrooms (either a fan or opening window).

- 18. Holes, large cracks, bulges, or loose surface materials on walls or ceilings.
- 19. Smoke detectors not testing on missing.
- 20. Lack of a smoke detector on each floor.
- 21. Floors and units that are unclean or unsanitary.
- 22. Extremely dirty or greasy walls, cabinets, appliances, etc.
- 23. Leaks in pipes, ceilings, etc.
- 24. Water heaters missing discharge lines
- 25. Any evidence of leakage.
- 26. Evidence of infestation by rodents, vermin
- 27. Excessive clutter inside or outside the unit
- 28. Any utility not on in the unit (water, gas, electricity, etc.)
- 29. Loose, bouncy, or broken flooring, stairs or steps inside or outside the unit.
- 30. Lifting flooring (boards, tiles, linoleum, etc.)
- 31. Cracked or broken counter or wall tiles that are sharp or otherwise hazardous
- 32. Cracked or broken glass or mirrors.
- 33. Loose or broken railing inside or outside the unit.
- 34. Broken doors, door jambs, cabinets, window sills, etc.

Please Note: Any of these items found in a common area will also cause the unit to fail the inspection!